(c) the progress regarding the action taken/proposed to be taken for strengthening the vigilance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government has no input to suggest any activities of Talibani terrorists on the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir during the last six months.

(c) The Government, jointly with the State Government, have adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross-border infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter alia*, strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment along International Border/ Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration and pro-active action against the terrorists within the State. The counter infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government (including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir) and in the Central Government.

Central assistance to Kerala towards Tsunami relief operations

1042. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central assistance granted to the Government of Kerala, towards Tsunami relief operations;

(b) the amount raised by the State Government of Kerala through donations from general public, firms and other organizations;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala sought financial help from ADB and if so, whether it has been granted and the details thereof;

(d) whether the Tsunami disaster fund has been properly utilized by the Government of Kerala without being divested to any other purpose; and

(e) whether Government laid down any guidelines for the expenditure of Central assistance and if so, whether the State Government adhered to the guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Central Government has sanctioned a

Central assistance of Rs. 249.36 crore for Kerala under 'Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami affected areas'.

(b) Government of Kerala has reported that it had received an amount of Rs. 39,89,80,809/- as donations form general public firms and other organizations to Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund.

(c) The ADB has sanctioned an amount of US $ 56.25 million for Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Programmes of the State.

(d) and (e) The Government of Kerala has reported that it has not diverted funds to any other purposes from the Tsunami Relief Funds and has adhered to the guidelines issued for the expenditure.

Crimes in Bihar

1043. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of kidnappings, murders and dacoities that took place during the current spell of President's Rule in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that such crimes have increased; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT): (a) to (c) The current period of President's Rule in Bihar commenced in March 2005. As per information compiled by NCRB, 633 cases of kidnapping, 891 cases of murder and 325 cases of dacoity were reported during the period from March, 2005 to May, 2005. As compared to the figures of kidnapping (536), murder (1056) and dacoity (297) for the corresponding period of 2004, incidents of kidnapping and dacoity have increased, whereas, incidents of murder have declined. A mixed trend is, therefore, discernible and consequently it may be inappropriate to attribute any specific reason as contributing to the observed trends.

With a view to curb the crime of kidnapping for ransom, an action plan was prepared by the State Government for the prevention, documentation, investigation and trial aspect of such crimes. Surveillance over gangsters